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## **Pakistan's Efforts in Combating Extremism Lauded**

By DNA

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## EU lauds Pakistan's struggle against terror

By News Desk

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**European Union commends Pakistan in its struggle to combat violent extremism and terrorism. European Union Flags are pictured here. PHOTO: REUTERS**

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EU Ambassador Jean-Francois Cautain said this acknowledging the efforts made by Pakistan and its sacrifices to combat terrorism at a lecture on EU-Pakistan Relations: Challenges and Opportunities organised by Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) on Wednesday.

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## **Envoy says EU looking into recent UN report on Kashmir**

Islamabad

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Ambassador Jean Francois said that the European Union was engaged with India on a number of issues related to Kashmir. On trade, he said that the European Union was committed to build a solid and mutually-beneficial partnership with Pakistan. He emphasised that EU was not meting out any preferential treatment to India over Pakistan.

He assured support to Pakistan in consolidation of its path towards long-term economic development and prosperity. He said that the EU would assess its trade relations with Pakistan by reviewing the report on the GSP Plus, based on accurate and already-defined criteria, and also on the implementation of the 27 conventions linked to GSP Plus.

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<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2018/07/04/envoy-says-eu-looking-into-recent-un-report-on-kashmir/>



# Pakistan OBSERVER

## EU commends Pak struggle against terrorism

July 5, 2018



### **‘EU-Pakistan Relations: Challenges & Opportunities’**

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<<https://pakobserver.net/eu-commends-pak-struggle-against-terrorism/>>

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July 4, 2018

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## **Pakistan, EU need to work together to combat terrorism: Envoy**

July 04, 2018



FILE PHOTO

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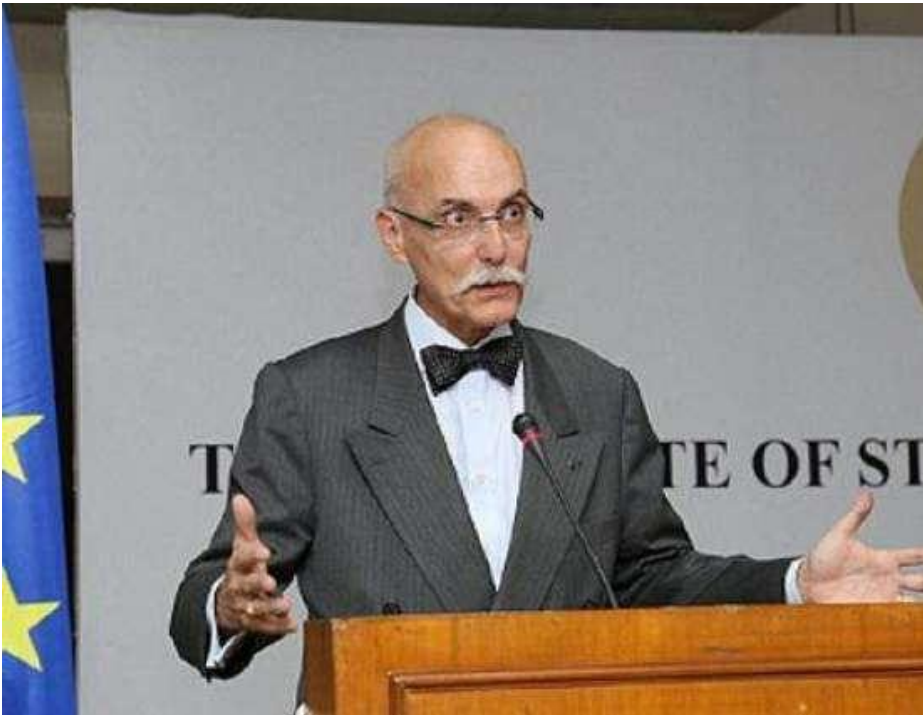
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## **EU Looking Into Recent UN Report on Kashmir Human Rights Situation: EU Ambassador To Pakistan**

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## EU members want to invest in CPEC-Greater Clarity & More Information is Required; Ambassador Cautain

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Islamabad(Staff Reporter)Acknowledging the efforts made by Pakistan and its sacrifices to combat terrorism, *H.E. Mr. Jean-Francois Cautain, Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan*, said that the EU commends Pakistan in its struggle to combat violent extremists and terrorism which is a challenge even for EU member countries. He acknowledged that Pakistan has suffered from extremism more than any other country, and stressed that Pakistan and the EU need to work together to combat terrorism, both within and outside their borders for global peace and security.

The EU Ambassador pointed out that the EU is not just a trade organization or large development agency, as it is now significantly engaged in the area of security and defence as well. ‘Since 2003, the Common Security and Defence Policy has enabled the EU to take a leading role in peace-keeping operations, conflict prevention and in the strengthening of international security’, Mr Cautain shared during the first of the Ambassador Lecture Series on ‘*EU-Pakistan Relations: Challenges and Opportunities*’ organized by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute, here in Islamabad, today.

Briefly sharing the history and background of the European Union model, he explained that over the past two years, the EU member states have been focusing on defence and security since the EU’s model of economic integration is also a unique opportunity to support engagement in the field of defence and develop collective defence capabilities. Outlining some of the key points of the 2016 ‘Global Strategy for the European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy’, Ambassador Cautain said that the strategy sets out the EU’s core interests and principles for engaging in the wider world and gives the Union a collective sense of direction. ‘Decisive steps are being taken on **security and defence**. Building resilience at home and abroad means **creating a more responsive union**. The EU is also working to strengthen the resilience of states within and outside its borders by supporting good governance and accountable institutions. Strengthening the internal and external nexus requires **addressing** issues such as counterterrorism, countering violent extremism, climate change and cyber security collectively’, he stressed.

The Ambassador lauded Pakistan’s efforts in terms of trade enhancement after the GSP Plus facility, and outlined that this was a win-win partnership. ‘Over the past 18 months, we have been working to finalize a new Engagement Plan to further deepen relations between Pakistan and Europe, and hope that a new agreement will be signed under the new government after Pakistan’s general elections. The Engagement Plan is an opportunity for both sides to benefit from multifaceted cooperation ranging from trade to security to numerous other issues, including terrorism,’ he said. Mr Cautain discussed EU’s development cooperation in education, rural development and governance and said that the EU has decided to substantially increase the development cooperation funds allocated to Pakistan to 635 million EUR which is double when compared to the previous years. He explained that ‘One-third of this goes to the education sector channeled through the government conditional upon the achievement of targets set by the government itself. Education is a big challenge for Pakistan, especially in Sindh, since enrollment rates over the past ten years have only increased by 1 per cent’, he remarked.

Discussing EU as one of the main trading partners of Pakistan accounting for the largest share of its global exports, he said that while EU member countries want to invest in ventures like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, ‘greater clarity and more information about CPEC’s long-term vision is required for this to happen.’ It is also vital to recognize that connectivity is not possible without regional stability, he said.

IPRI’s President Ambassador (R) Abdul Basit in his welcome address said that the European Union’s relationship with Pakistan is very important, not only politically but also economically. ‘Under the 2012 Five-Year Engagement Plan, this relationship has moved from strength-to-strength, with GSP Plus incentives helping Pakistan build its capacity in order to become a more effective and competitive partner in international commerce. ‘The EU will continue to be important for Pakistan despite UK’s exit since it has been a trailblazing organization, creating new templates for regional integration and connectivity. We, in Pakistan can learn from the EU, especially in the context of CPEC, to understand how the incentive of regional economic integration can help resolve bilateral political disputes, eventually paving the way for viable cooperative, intra-regional and inter-regional structures,’ he said.

In the Q/A session, Ambassador Cautain answered questions regarding Europe’s migration policy, nuclear energy production, Turkey’s pending EU membership, as well as EU’s relationship with Russia and the EU position on Ukraine. There were also questions about the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, especially about what the EU could do to help resolve the conflict. The participants expected the EU to be more vocal against the ongoing oppression of Kashmiris. They also raised the issue of migration and how the EU could learn from Pakistan which has been hosting more than 3 million Afghan refugees for more than 38 years. Mr Cautain agreed that the government of Pakistan had worked tirelessly for the Afghan refugees, but at the same time pointed out that repatriation could not be possible till Afghanistan becomes stable and peaceful. The issue of third-generation Afghans born and raised in Pakistan is also a complex matter, he pointed out. On Pakistan-India relations, he said, ‘if Germany and France can work together after being at war for so many years, peace and rapprochement between Pakistan and India is also possible.’

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اسلام آباد: پاکستان میں یورپی یونین کے سفیر جین فرانکوئس کوئین اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے زیر اہتمام یورپی یونین پاکستان کے تعلقات چیٹلنجر اور موائے کے عنوان پر لیچر دے رہے ہیں جبکہ سابق سفارتکار اور اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے صدر عبدالباسط بھی موجود ہیں (فوفو صباح)

## پاکستان کی دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ اور افغان مہاجرین کے لیے قربانیاں تسلیم کرتے ہیں، یورپی یونین

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اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) یورپی یونین کے سفیر جین فرانکوئس کوئین نے کہا ہے کہ ہم پاکستان کی دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ اور افغان مہاجرین کے لیے قربانیاں تسلیم کرتے ہیں، یورپی یونین پاکستان کے انتہاء پسندوں کے اصلاحی مراکز سے استفادہ کرتی ہے، جی ایس پی پلس سے پاکستانی کو معاشی طور پر فائدہ دہ رہا ہے، انسانی حقوق کے حوالے سے پاکستان کو 17 کنونشنز پر عمل کرنا ہوگا۔ شرکاء نے یورپی یونین کے سفیر کو بھارت میں انسانی حقوق کی سنگین خلاف ورزیوں پر یورپی یونین کی غاموشی اور ان کی مذمت نہ کرنے پر آڑے ہاتھوں لیتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہمیں انسانی حقوق کے لیچر دے رہے ہیں جبکہ بھارت مقبوضہ کشمیر میں کشمیریوں کا قتل عام کر رہا ہے اور یورپی یونین غاموش ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار یورپی یونین کے پاکستان میں سفیر جین فرانکوئس کوئین نے اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے زیر اہتمام یورپی یونین پاکستان کے تعلقات چیٹلنجر اور موائے کے عنوان پر لیچر دیتے ہوئے کیا۔ تقریب سے سابق سفارتکار اور اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ (اپری) کے صدر عبدالباسط نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ یورپی یونین کے سفیر جین فرانکوئس کوئین نے کہا کہ یورپی یونین پاکستان کی دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں قربانیاں اور افغان مہاجرین کو اپنے ملک میں رکھنے کے لیے جو قربانیاں دی ہیں ان کو تسلیم کرتا ہے یورپی یونین پاکستان کے انتہاء پسندوں کو واپسی مارل زندگی کی طرف لانے والے اصلاحی سینٹر سے استفادہ کر رہا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ یورپی یونین کا بنیادی مقصد خطہ میں امن لانا ہے جس میں ہم کامیاب ہوئے ہیں اور اس سے ہمارے پڑوسیوں کو بھی فائدہ ہوا ہے یورپی یونین کو مختلف چیٹلنجرز کا سامنا ہے یورپی یونین کا دوسرا بڑا مسئلہ مہاجرین میں یورپی یونین دنیا میں امن کے لیے سوشلین کیما تھ فوجی مشن پر کام کر رہا ہے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں حصہ لے رہے ہیں ہم مضبوط ملکوں کے بجائے قانون پر یقین رکھتے ہیں پاکستان کے ساتھ مختلف امور پر کام کر رہے ہیں اگلے ماہ ایک اعلیٰ سطح کا پاکستانی وفد یورپی یونین کا دورہ کرے گا جی ایس پی پلس دینے سے ہمارے پاکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات میں بہتری آتی ہے اور اس سے دونوں کو فائدہ ہوگا پاکستان کو انسانی حقوق کے حوالے سے تمام قوانین پر عمل کرنا ہوگا۔



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یورپی یونین نے پاکستان میں انسانی حقوق کے حوالے سے 2018ء میں ایک رپورٹ بنائی ہے جس کے بعد جی ایس پی پلس جاری رکھا گیا ہے، جو کہ مثبت بات ہے پاکستان کو انسانی حقوق کے حوالے سے 27 کنونشن پر عمل کرنا، ہوگا پاکستان کچھ پر عمل کر رہا ہے، دہشتگردی کے خلاف پاکستان کی قربانیوں کو تسلیم کرتے ہیں دہشت گردوں کیخلاف ملکر لڑنے کی ضرورت ہے دہشتگردوں کی فنڈنگ روکنے کے لیے مل کر عمل اقدامات کرنے ہوں گے یورپی ممالک سی بییک میں سرمایہ کاری کرنا چاہتے ہیں مگر اس حوالے سے مزید معلومات دینا ہوں گی اگر پاکستان میں امن وامان اور سلامتی اور استحکام ہوگا تو سرمایہ کاری آئے گی پاکستان اور بھارت کے درمیان امن ممکن ہے جس طرح جرمنی اور یورپی ممالک میں امن ہوا جس کو ناممکن سمجھا جاتا تھا ہمارے لیے مہاجرین دوسرا بڑا مہران بن گیا ہے اور اس پر بات بھی ہو رہی ہے دنیا میں یہ دوسرا غیر قانونی کاروبار ہے جو ہو رہا ہے اس کو روکنے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں افغان مہاجرین صرف اس سورت واپس جاسکتے ہیں جب وہاں امن ہو جائے گا افغانستان ان مہاجرین کا بوجھ برداشت نہیں کر سکتا ہے جس طرح پاکستان نے مہاجرین کی مدد کی ہے اس کو تسلیم کرتے ہیں تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے صدر عبدالباسط نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ یورپی یونین ایک اہم ملک ہے انسانی حقوق پر بہت زیادہ زور دیتا ہے اور پاکستان کو جی ایس پی پلس کا سٹیٹس دیا ہے جس سے پاکستان کو معاشی طور پر فائدہ ہو رہا ہے اور پاکستان یورپی یونین کے تجربات سے سیکھ سکتا ہے۔

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## یورپی یونین نے بھی قربانیوں کا اعتراف کر لیا؛ تو پھر گرے لسٹ میں کیوں؟

جیسا کہ متعدد بار کہا جا چکا ہے کہ مغربی ممالک کے حکام جب پاکستان کے دورے پر ہوتے ہیں تو دہشتگردی کیخلاف اسلام آباد کی قربانیوں اور کوششوں کا اعتراف کرتے ہیں تاہم اپنے ملکوں یا دیگر ممالک کے دوروں کے دوران ہرزہ سرائی کرنے میں لمحہ بھر غفلت نہیں برتتے۔

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خبر رساں ادارے تسنیم کے مطابق پاکستان میں یورپی یونین کے سفیر JEAN FRANCOIS CAUTAIN نے کہا ہے کہ یورپی یونین اور پاکستان کو عالمی امن اور سکیورٹی کیلئے دہشت گردی کا مقابلہ کرنے کیلئے مل کر کام کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

وہ اسلام آباد پالیسی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں ایک لیکچر دے رہے تھے۔

ریڈیو پاکستان کی رپورٹ کے مطابق یورپی یونین کے سفیر نے کہا کہ یورپی یونین دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے پاکستان کی کوششوں اور قربانیوں کو تسلیم کرتی ہے۔

انہوں نے کہا کہ یورپی یونین محض ایک تجارتی تنظیم یا ایک بڑا ترقیاتی ادارہ نہیں کیونکہ یہ سلامتی اور دفاع کے شعبوں میں قابل ذکر کام کر رہی ہے۔

سفیر نے کہا کہ 2003ء سے عام سکیورٹی اور دفاعی پالیسی کے باعث یورپی یونین قیام امن کی کارروائیوں، تنازعات کی روک تھام اور بین الاقوامی سلامتی کو مستحکم بنانے کے لئے مرکزی کردار ادا کر رہی ہے۔

انہوں نے GSP پلس کی سہولت ملنے کے بعد تجارت میں اضافے کیلئے پاکستان کی کوششوں کو سراہا اور واضح کیا کہ یہ یکساں شراکت داری ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گذشتہ اٹھارہ ماہ میں ہم پاکستان اور یورپ کے درمیان تعلقات کو مزید وسعت دینے کیلئے تعلقات کے نئے منصوبے کو حتمی شکل دینے کیلئے کام کر رہے ہیں۔

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